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Corps makes positive strides in cultural resource program management

Omaha, Nebr.— The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers credits strong partnerships with other agencies and Tribes, as well as increased funding, as positive keys to success in managing its cultural resources program in the upper Missouri River region.

The Omaha District is currently developing a new programmatic agreement in partnership with 30 other federal, state and Tribal parties. “By building personal and professional relationships with tribal representatives, federal and state agencies, and other interested parties we are meeting our legal and ethical requirements,” says Larry Janis, Omaha District Cultural Resources Program Manager.

As a result of increased funding, the corps has recently accomplished additional site preservation work and expects to complete about \$3 million in cultural inventory, evaluation and mitigation activities this year within the upper Missouri River. Cultural resource management plans are being developed for many corps-managed federal lands, and enforcement activities are resulting in convictions and penalties for looting and vandalizing historic sites along the river.

A report released by the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation on April 16 noted progress made by the corps in cultural program management and offered some recommendations to improve the effectiveness, coordination, and consistency of the corps’ historic preservation policies and programs for the Missouri River mainstem system.

“The Omaha District believes that the Advisory Council did a fair and thorough review of the cultural resources program,” says Col. Kurt F. Ubbelohde, Omaha District Commander. “The corps appreciates the time that the Advisory Council, the Missouri River Tribes, State Historic Preservation Offices and others have spent helping develop the program as it is today. We look forward to continuing to partner with all those who want to preserve the rich heritage held by the Missouri River.”